



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of

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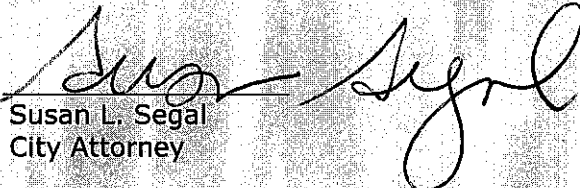
**To:** John Quincy (Chair), and the Ways & Means Committee  
**Referral to:** N/A

**Subject:** 24-Hour Domestic Abuse Hotline Services

**Recommendation:** That the City Council authorize the proper City Officials to enter into a two-year \$150,000 contract with Domestic Abuse Project (DAP) to provide a 24-Hour Hotline for police to call in order to put DAP advocates in contact with domestic violence victims.

### Department Information

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### Reviews

- Civil Rights Approval Approval X Date 2/19/15

### Financial Impact

- Action is within the Business Plan and City Attorney's Office and MPD budgets

### Supporting Information

For the past 10 plus years, the Council on Crime and Justice (CCJ), in conjunction with their contract to provide victim witness advocates, has been providing a 24-Hour Domestic Abuse Hotline for police officers to call after making a domestic violence related police report. After receiving the call from police, CCJ would then call the domestic violence victim identified by the police officer to offer information, support, and services as soon as possible. Hotline staff would also coordinate with CAO Victim Witness Assistants when needed.

After the City Attorney's Office brought the victim witness advocates in-house (2011), CCJ continued to operate the hotline, without funding from the City. In 2013 CCJ determined

that maintaining support for the domestic abuse Hotline, while critically important to the community, no longer fit well with their organizational mission. They continued operating the Hotline through 2014 as other entities and organizations joined together to determine the best way to continue operation of the Domestic Abuse Hotline.

An RFP was issued in October of 2013 with only one proposal submitted by the Domestic Abuse Project (DAP) for \$150,000. Because the proposal came in higher than expected, the MCAO (along with MPD) waited a year in order to request the increase to the 2015 budget. Additionally, this RFP did not go through the PRC process because it was not expected to come in over \$50,000.

This critical service ensures that domestic abuse victims receive the support they need in a timely manner. Funding for this contract will be split between the MPD (\$75,000) and the MCAO (\$75,000) budgets. The MCAO is requesting that your Committee authorize the proper City Officials to enter into a two year \$150,000 contract with DAP for a 24-Hour Domestic Abuse Hotline.